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Newsletter #47:

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Hello everyone! I'm writing this newsletter from O'Hare airport awaiting my flight to Europe, however this trip I am traveling without my loupe or a big heavy catalog. I'm just going to relish two weeks of visiting with family and close friends in Germany, my previous home for over 6 years. In January the much anticipated New York International Coin Fair is happening at a new location, the Hyatt hotel (see below) and there is some amazingly good material being offered in the auctions that precede the show. Whatever holiday you celebrate I wish you the warmest wishes for a restful and nice holiday season. Looking forward to 2018!

Agora Auctions #71 (closes Dec 26)

In the event that you have finished opening your gifts and have time to spare, you may want to check out the Agora Auctions sale which has 464 lots of coins and antiquities. Agora hosts some wonderful auctions with consignment material from smaller dealers or collectors. Most smaller dealers will never have the ability to host a big auction so this gives them an opportunity to offer material to a larger audience. I highly recommend a peek through the lots. It can be viewed on Sixbid and Numisbids.

Roma E-Sale 42 (closes Jan 6)

Roma is closing their 42nd E-Sale (in collaboration with Deniz Grotjohann) just previous to the NY International. There is a whopping 1,134 coins on offer. There are a lot of impressive coins on offer and some at extremely competitive prices. You can check it out on Sixbid and Numisbids.

46th Annual New York International Trade Show (January 5-14, 2018) and Bourse dates (January 11-14, 2018)

My booth is 1601 at the NY International Trade Show. The new location of the show is the Grand Hyatt Hotel, located at 109 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10022, between Park and Lexington Avenues. I look forward to a week of seeing many of my customers and fellow dealers. It is an extremely busy week but for the coin world a particularly exciting time.

The auctions at the NY International Coin Fair (Jan 5-14, 2018)

I don't know where to begin. There are so many nice coins coming up at the NY International. To be frank I haven't finished looking through all the auctions (that is what I'll do over vacation) but from what I have seen so far I am very impressed. Usually one auction house rises before all the rest. I can honestly say that most auction houses have exceeded expectations. A short preview:

Triton XXI, parts 1-4 (part 1&2 on Jan 8 and part 3&4 on Jan 9, 2018)

Triton is offering a very impressive array of coins over the course of two days and four sessions. The first part is solely Roman provincial Alexandrian coins from the Staffieri Collection. Undeniably Alexandrian coins are not every collectors dream but there are some extremely scarce coins being offered. The Zodiac series under Antoninus Pius is beloved and difficult to obtain. This auction offers a few examples. The collection was obviously thoughtfully assembled and for this reason it is worthy of your time.

The remainder of the auction has many noteworthy coins, Greek, Roman, Byzantine and world. I'll go into more detail next week after I've had more time to study the coins. I will be attending this auction so if you would like representation please let me know soon.

The New York Sales XLII, XLIII and XLIV (Jan 9, 10 and 11, 2018)

This is a collaboration between four dealers (Goldberg, M&M, Dimitry Markov and Sovereign Rarities). You may not realize that Sovereign Rarities is a relatively new company that is composed of former employees of Baldwin's. Sovereign Rarities just partnered with NAC for a Milan auction of the Ratto Numismatic Library. The New York Sale looks to be a great auction this year. Just a cursory glance at the ancients portion on the first day I noticed lots of brilliant beautiful coins. The first day is ancients, day two is world coins and the last features only Russian coins, medals and badges. After I've had a good look at the auction this week I'll give more details about the auction. I plan to attend the first two days of the auction and would be very pleased to handle your bids. Please do let me know soon if you have interest.

Baldwin's of St. James (Jan 14, 2018)

I mentioned earlier that Baldwin's was no longer part of the New York Sale consortium, however, they are still around! Baldwin's and St. James paired together and have been doing joint auctions. On the last day of the show they will host an auction with 486 coins. There are only 20 ancients coins of the 486. From my days of working for my father and having our Gemini auction on that last day of the show I can tell you it isn't easy getting people in the door so I wish them the best of luck!

GREEK

THRACO-MACEDONIAN TRIBES, c. 510-480 BC

\$4,250



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THRACO-MACEDONIAN TRIBES. Possibly The Oreskioi. c. 510-480 BC.

AR Stater, 8.88g (20mm). Centaur right, carrying off protesting nymph; pellet border / Quadripartite incuse square

Price: \$4,250

The coinage of the early Thraco-Macedonian Tribes is visually arresting. Scenes of nymphs and satyrs are commonly seen. This coin replaces the satyr with a centaur. One can see how early the coin is from the reverse which doesn't have an image but rather a quadripartite incuse square. It is amusing how the Greeks designed the obverse imagery so artistically captivating while the reverse is just the opposite. This was early for coinage however and the notion of double sided imagery was still to come. Not long after the Sicilians were striking coins that were monumentally important in the history of classical Greek coinage. While the early coins of the tribes are archaic in nature they are equally impressive as the advent of coinage was traveling westbound.

References: Svoronos, HPM pl. VI, 15 and 17-18; AMNG III/2, pl. XXV, 10; SNG ANS 980 (Orreskioi)

Grade: Some slight overall wear, but maintains high relief. Slightly off-center. Lovely imagery with cabinet toning. Rare early type with centaur vs satyr. VF+

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If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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Until next week!

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